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A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INTERACTIVE LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for interactive language instruction is provided
5 that displays text files for processing, provide key features and functions for
interactive learning, displays facial animation, and provides a workspace for
language building functions. The system includes a stored set of language rules
as part of the text-to-speech sub-system, as well as another stored set of rules as
applied to the process of learning a language. The method implemented by the
10 system includes digitally converting text to audible speech, providing the audible
speech to a user or student (with the aid of an animated image in selected
circumstances), prompting the student to replicate the audible speech, comparing
the student's replication with the audible speech provided by the system, and
providing feedback and reinforcement to the student by, for example, selectively
15 recording or playing back the audible speech and the student's replication.

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